

## City of Sammamish Arts Commission – Minutes - Monday, March 23, 2015

Sammamish City Hall, 801 228<sup>th</sup> Ave SE, Sammamish, Washington

### Attendees:

**Commissioners:** Chair Anne Schaefer, Claradell Shedd, Steve Wright, Barbara Jirsa, Ramu Iyer, Lin Garretson, Priti Joshi

**Staff:** Joe Guinasso, Director of Financial & Technology Services; Allison Gubata, Administrative Assistant

**Alternates:** Carole Weaks, Rituja Indapure & Mandagere Shashidhar

**Absent:** Commissioners Margaret Rosenow & Kelli Ron

**Meeting called to order at 6:32 p.m.**

**Note Approval of February 23, 2015 Minutes** - Commission Meeting Minutes approved via email.

### **Budget and Financial Report YTD 2015**

- 2014 Carry forward \$ TBD/proposal to City Council in May 2015
- 2015 Budget \$32,300 (includes \$6,500 4Culture Grant)
- 2015 Additional \$1,000 4Culture Grant
- **2015 TOTAL Budget \$ 33,300**
- 2015 YTD Expenditures \$4,022.19
- 2015 YTD Available Funds \$29,277.81

**Garden Gate Update** – Commissioner Jirsa to follow up with artist Garth Edwards on the status of documents required by the city to commence this project.

**NEST Building Project** – Commissioner Iyer is our project lead & has met with Sammamish Parks Project Manager Kellye Hilde and artist Karen White to coordinate collaboration on this project.

The targeted cost for this project is \$5,000 (1k for facilitation; \$1500 administration/correspondence; \$500 prep of sticks by artist; \$1k stipend for artist; \$500 materials for activities; 1K marketing & promotion) A 4Culture Grant will be applied for by Karen White and the Sammamish Arts Commission will be looking for potential corporate sponsors if the 4Culture grant is not awarded.

The NEST building event will take place on Saturday, September 19 in the lower commons. The community will be invited to participate as volunteers in preparation as well as the actual building of the nest. Participants are encouraged from elementary school age on up. ArteAST would like to have a booth of information at this community event.

**Opera Ole'** – Lyric Soprano Frances Garcia will be performing on May 15 at the Sahalee Country Club here in Sammamish. Commissioners Wright and Shedd are working with Sahalee Country Club on the details for this event. Commissioner Shedd will be donating food, and there is no cost for rental of this venue. No stage or piano rental is required and EX3 Teen Center is providing lighting. Commissioner Wright is working on a contract with Sahalee Country Club and with the musical talent. There is no charge to the public for this event; however, a free ticket through "Brown Paper Tickets" is required. Commissioner Shedd will be posting the Arts Commission flyer in their HOA May newsletter.

**Action:** *Commissioner Wright to provide the city with the contact information from the 2014 "It's a Wonderful Life" brown paper ticket registration as well as the contact information from "Opera Ole" to be uploaded into the Arts Commission e-blast database.*

**Art Exhibit reception for Amanda Divine** – will be held on April 23 at Sammamish City Hall. This exhibit is a 40-year survey of this one artists work. Over 70 pieces of artwork for this exhibit.

**Marie Louie event/exhibit** – Commissioner Jirsa and artist Don Fels are collaborating on event in the fall of 2015. No specifics to date.

**Special Arts Sammamish** – has been active this year. On January 28 “Life Stories” had 17 registered participants at Bellewood Retirement Center and was very well received. “Make it a Clay Day” will be held on March 28 at the EX3 Teen Center and we are expecting a large registration and volunteer attendance. Potters wheels are being lent by artEAST and Karen Abel has requested there is recognition for this resource. “Ausome Artists” will be held on May 9 also at the EX3 Teen Center. These special art classes are reaching out way beyond Sammamish, through school administrator and parent networks. Each year the participation has grown.

**Roundabout artwork** – Commissioner Shedd met with City of Sammamish Public Works Deputy Director, Cheryl Paston, on 3/20. The roundabout on 244<sup>th</sup> is scheduled to be re-landscaped this year providing a good opportunity to collaborate on a sculpture at this location. Commissioner Shedd is providing Issaquah Artist Al Zold with the old wood he will need for these wood sculptures. The Commission is budgeting for three sculptures and if they are completed before winter 2015, the city will allocate a space to store them until an installation date is identified. Target installation would be winter of 2015/16, as these are the slower months for the PW department who will be doing the installation. Public Works Deputy Director Paston will be obtaining height and weight restrictions to provide the artist.

**Other:**

**Alternate Commissioner Shashidhar** - requested that the Arts Commission post “events” on their Facebook page, Commissioners were in favor of this request.

**Commission would like photos from events** posted on their Facebook page with a summary statement. Commissioners will send Allison Gubata photos and summary statement for posting.

**Adjourn 7:30 p.m.**

**Next regular SAC meeting – Monday, April 27, 2015 – 7:30 pm**